

EXERCISE 8B

Circle the letter of the sentence in which the word in bold-faced type is used incorrectly.

1. a. Charles Darwin regarded humans as highly developed **primates**.
b. The **primate** of the Episcopal Church is elected by the council of bishops.
c. Babe Ruth set the **primate** record for home runs in a single season.
d. **Primates** have a highly social nature.
2. a. Many males of Queen Victoria's **posterity** were hemophiliacs.
b. We must preserve natural resources for our nation's **posterity**.
c. Looking into **posterity**, I remember my school days as though they were yesterday.
d. What will **posterity** think about twentieth-century glass skyscrapers?
3. a. The war correspondent's story of the invasion appeared **posthumously**, for she herself was killed in the battle.
b. Gerard Manley Hopkins requested that most of his poetry be published **posthumously** because he felt it conflicted with his priestly duties.
c. I was a **posthumous** child, born two months after my father's death.
d. Despite their **posthumous** confessions, the accused were burned at the stake.
4. a. Our **prime** purpose in Mexico was to study Spanish, but we also made many friends.
b. Although she only swims laps today, in her **prime** my grandmother was an Olympic diver.
c. If you weren't so **prime**, you'd have more fun.
d. Eerie music **primed** the audience to expect that something frightening was about to happen.
5. a. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem *Evangeline* describes the "forest **primeval**" that covered America before European settlement.
b. Many people consider environmental pollution to be the **primeval** of our time.
c. Eohippus, a **primeval** horse about the size of a collie, was the prey of huge, flesh-eating dinosaurs.
d. The Yosemite Valley was formed by **primeval** glaciers that cut a deep chasm through a once-gentle river bed.

EXERCISE 8C

Fill in each blank with the most appropriate word from Lesson 8. Use a word or any of its forms only once.

1. On a "bicycle built for two," or tandem bike, one cyclist sits _____ to the other.
2. Do you think that our _____ will continue to eat the same kinds of food and live in the same kinds of houses as we do today?